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SUBJ: LENINGRAD PROPAGANDIST CRITICIZES US POLICY IN MIDDLE EAST

1. LENINGRAD PROPAGANDIST TOOK GENERALLY CRITICAL LINE ON
US POLICY IN ME DURING SUNDAY, MARCH 9, ZNANIYE SOCIETY
REVIEW OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS. US AND SOVIET UNION
SAID TO HAVE SOME COMMON OBJECTIVES, BUT OPPOSING POSITIONS
IN OTHER RESPECTS. US POLICY CHARACTERIZED AS "ATTEMPTS
OF AMERICAN IMPERIALISM TO OBTAIN ADVANTAGES IN AREA."

2. ISRAEL TERMED A MAIN WEAPON AND DEFENDER OF AMERICAN
MONOPOLY CAPITAL, SUPPORTED BY MILITARY-INDUSTRIAL COMPLEX
AND ZIONISTS. THIS SAID TO BE WHY US SEEKING IN ALL WAYS
TO INCREASE ISRAELI ECONOMIC AND MILITARY STRENGTH. HOWEVER,
US CREDITED WITH WANTING TO AVOID NEW WAR IN AREA
WHILE ESTABLISHING CLOSER RELATIONS WITH ARAB COUNTRIES.

3. PROPAGANDIST SARC ASTICALLY NOTED THAT AMERICAN
PROPAGANDA MAKES MUCH OF CURRENT US DIPLOMATIC ACTIVITY
IN AREA WITH "COLOSSAL ADVERTISING" OF SECRETARY
KISSINGER'S TRIPS. SECRETARY'S EFFORTS DISMISSED AS
"INTRIGUE" WHOSE MAIN GOAL TO TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF
ARAB VACILLATIONS, ESPECIALLY IN EGYPT. US DESCRIBED
AS SEEKING TO UNDERMINE ARAB UNITY AND "SEPARATE PALESTINIANS
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FROM RELIANCE ON SOVIET UNION."

4. SECRETARY'S BUSINESS WEEK INTERVIEW HELD UP AS PROF
THAT US "DOES NOT WANT TO TURN COMPLETELY AWAY FROM
COLD WAR" EVEN WHILE IT TRIES TO BE FRIENDLY WITH ARABS.
US WAS CRITICIZED FOR SEEKING MILITARY ROLE AND INFLUENCE
AMONG MOST REACTIONARY ARAB REGIMES, NOT ONLY SELLING
ARMS BUT SENDING MILITARY SPECIALISTS. US TIES WITH
SAUDI ARABIA, KUWAIT, JORDAN, AND IRAN SAID TO BE EXAMPLES
OF THIS. FINALLY, PROPAGANDIST CRITICIZED US FOR
SEEKING TO CREATE "SINGLE IMPERIALIST FRONT" AGAINST
COUNTRIES OF OPEC.
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